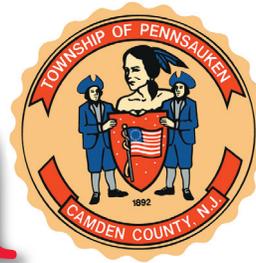


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## Pennsauken Township Seeking Qualifications For Professional Services Contracts

The Township of Pennsauken solicits statements of qualification from applicants for appointment to various professional positions. Responses should address the general criteria and mandatory minimum criteria for the position sought. All responses will be treated as confidential and reviewed only by the governing body, unless otherwise required by law.

Responses must be received in the Office of the Township Clerk, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, N.J. 08110, no later than noon, Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

## Zoning And Planning Board Professional Services Contracts

The Zoning Board of Pennsauken and Planning Board of Pennsauken are soliciting statements of qualification from applicants for appointment to various professional positions. Responses should address the general criteria and mandatory minimum criteria for the position sought. All responses will be treated as confidential and reviewed only by the Board, unless otherwise required by law.

Responses must be received in the Office of the Planning and Zoning Officer, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, N.J. 08110, no later than noon, Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

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## Sixth Annual Pennsauken Harvest Festival Held On October 12

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken Township, in association with the Pennsauken Firefighters Association, will host the sixth annual Pennsauken Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 12. This annual event, held from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex on Westfield Ave., brings the Township community together with a family-friendly atmosphere and great musical performances.

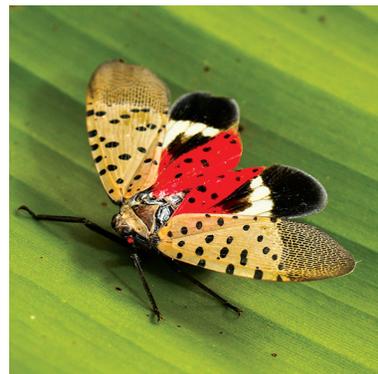
"We're hard at work to bring the Pennsauken community another great Harvest Festival," says Duke Martz, head of Pennsauken Township's Parks and Recreation Department. "We'd like to thank our many sponsors for their support of this year's Harvest Festival, including

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Pennsauken's annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 12, brings the Pennsauken community together for an afternoon of family fun, food, music, and more.

## Public Asked To Report Spotted Lanternfly Sightings



Residents are asked to keep an eye out for the Spotted Lanternfly, an invasive species of insect that can severely damage agriculture and hardwood trees.

Camden County health officials are asking for the public's help identifying a new pest spotted in the area. The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), an invasive insect that has spread throughout southeastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, threatening agriculture and hardwood trees, has been seen in Camden County.

"We need your help and ask that you please contact the County Entomologist at (856) 374-6042 if you see an SLF," said Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez, liaison to the Department of Health and Human Services. "The public's assistance in identifying the early locations of this insect will be critical to stopping its spread."

Spotted lanternflies are not known to bite, sting, or attack people, pets or live-

stock, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. It is not known whether they are poisonous when ingested by humans or animals. The pest is primarily a threat to agriculture, including many fruits and crops.

Information provided by the United States Department of Agriculture states that spotted lanternflies feed on a wide range of fruit, ornamental and woody trees, with tree-of-heaven being one of the preferred hosts. They are an invasive species native to China and can be spread long distances by people who move infested material or items containing egg masses. If allowed to spread in the United States, this pest could seriously impact the country's

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## OCTOBER CALENDAR

### Half Century Jets

This senior group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia's School Hall, 4851 Camden Ave., Pennsauken. For more information, call (856) 662-2721.

### PASA

The Pennsauken Alliance on Substance Abuse (PASA) meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7:00 p.m., at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken. PASA works to increase community awareness about substance abuse, as well as provide prevention programs. The public is invited to attend.

### Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., in the second floor meeting room of the Pennsauken Police Department, 4800 Bethel Ave. Come learn how to make our community safer. For more information, call (856) 488-0080 ext. 2417.

### American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet on Thursday, Oct. 10, 7:00 p.m., at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post has an Auxiliary Unit which also meets

at 7:00 p.m. at the same location. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join.

### Italian American Festival

The Camden County Board of Freeholders hosts the Italian American Festival and Car Show on Saturday, Oct. 12, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Columbus Statue at Cooper River Park, located at North Park Drive in Pennsauken. Featuring Italian cars, Italian food from local restaurants, wine tasting and craft beer garden, music and entertainment, kids' activities, and more. Additional information and free car registration can be found at CamdenCounty.com.

### Out Of The Darkness Walk

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is hosting an "Out of the Darkness" Walk on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Vista Deck at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken. Join the effort with hundreds of thousands of people to raise awareness and funds that allow the AFSP to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. Check-in and registration is at 10:00 a.m.; the program begins at 11:00 a.m.; and the walk starts at 11:15 a.m. For more information, contact (908) 514-6028 or e-mail AFSP CamdenCountyWalk@gmail.com.

### Health And Wellness Fair

Saint Peter Parish, 43 W. Maple Ave., Pennsauken, is hosting a free health and wellness fair on Sunday, Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m. to noon, in their Parish Hall. Attendees can meet area vendors who encourage healthy lifestyles, prevent and manage disease and provide various services that will assist you in maintaining your optimal health. Flu shots will also be available, as well as giveaways, refreshments, and more.

### PHS All Years Alumni Lunch Get Together

PHS Alumni from all years are invited to a monthly lunch at the Penn Queen Diner, 7349 Rt. 130, Pennsauken. This month's lunch is on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Norma at (856) 220-5597.

### Rod Stewart Tribute

VFW Post 1270, 2324 Penn St. in Pennsauken, is hosting a Rod Stewart Tribute, featuring Tommy Edward, on Saturday, Oct. 19. Buffet dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.; show time is at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person; seating is limited. For more info, or to purchase tickets, call (856) 317-9081.

### Breast Cancer Walk

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks unite communities behind the American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives from breast cancer. This year's walk is held on Sunday, Oct. 20 at Jack Curtis Stadium at Cooper River Park, 5300 N. Park Drive, Pennsauken. Day-of check in begins at 8:30 a.m.; walk starts at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Greater-PhiladelphiaSouthernNJStrides@cancer.org or call (856) 673-5723.

## PENNSAUKEN OCTOBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Township Committee**  
5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, 17, and 31

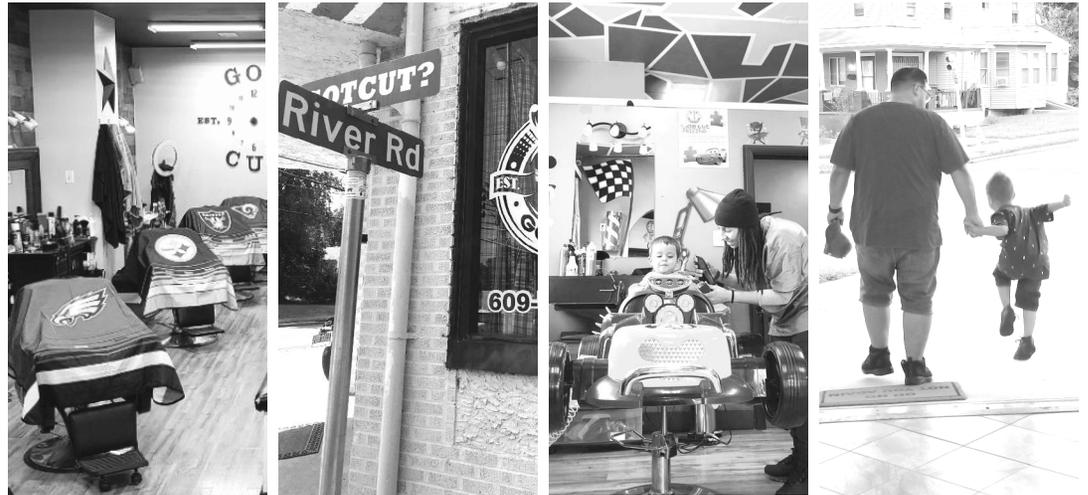
**Zoning Board of Adjustment**  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2 and 16

**Planning Board**  
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1 and 22

Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Pennsauken Municipal Building 5605 Crescent Blvd. (At the corner of Route 130 and Merchantville Avenue)

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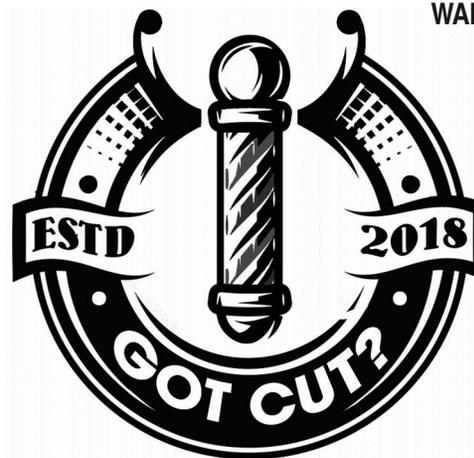
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**MAYOR'S****CORNER**

By Betsy McBride,  
Mayor of  
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## An Open Letter From Mayor McBride To The Residents And Businesses Of Pennsauken Township Adopts Ordinances to Minimize Pollution of Creeks and Rivers

Each year, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection enlists the help of municipalities throughout the state to remind residents and businesses of the importance of protecting our waterways from pollution. Pennsauken is strongly committed to keeping all of our town's creeks and rivers pollution-free and encourages our residents and business owners to do what they can to be good stewards of our environment.

While many of our residents don't have homes along the riverfront, you may be surprised that you could be

negatively affecting the environment every time it rains. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has determined that stormwater runoff is the largest source of water pollution impacting our creeks and rivers. Rainwater that flows down storm drains carries with it anything that is dropped, dumped, blown, or swept into the street. Items such as grass, leaves, oil, fertilizers, pet droppings, and all types of trash and litter will eventually be washed down a storm drain and into one of the creeks and rivers throughout the Township.

How many times have you seen trash in the street or floating down an inlet? Or found grass clippings strewn along the sidewalk? That trash eventually ends up in a creek or river. Trash, plastic bottles, plastic bags, etc. are visible along the banks

of the Delaware River, Cooper River and many smaller creeks throughout the area. Community efforts, like our Township's annual cleanup of Tippin's Pond and the boat ramp at the end of Derosse Ave., continue to be organized to pick up the debris around our local bodies of water, as well as to clean up trash that has been washed down the storm inlets.

It is also the pollutants that you don't necessarily see that also are both a hazard to the cleanliness of our bodies of water and a danger to the marine life that live there. Pet waste, grass, oil, lawn fertilizer, and chemicals all contribute to the degradation of the water quality.

### How Pennsauken Battles Stormwater Pollution

The Township has adopted several

ordinances which are intended to stop pollutants from going down the drain in the first place. For example, Pennsauken has had a litter ordinance on the books for many years. It is illegal to dump or drop litter of any kind on public or private property. Stormwater pollution aside, not littering is simply essential for the appearance of the Township and the quality of life of its residents. Too often, we see motorists throw cigarettes into the street, or drop fast food wrappers from the meal they just ate. Not only is it disgusting, it's against the law.

Since trash creates serious problems when washed down an inlet, an ordinance was adopted that requires dumpsters and other trash containers to be covered at all times. This not only stops trash from blowing into the street, but

also helps keeps liquids from leaching out and getting washed into the storm sewers. We ask Pennsauken businesses to be especially diligent to keep their dumpsters covered and to avoid overfilling them with too much trash. Not only does this help prevent stormwater pollution, but steps like these help to maintain a high quality of appearance for businesses throughout town. We're truly keeping our community "clean and green."

The Township also requires pet owners to clean up after their pet. While there's an ordinance in place, this just makes common sense. Pet waste is to be properly disposed of in the trash. For example, when walking your dog, make sure you bring a plastic bag to clean up after them. Dog owners can also use the

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## WAGSWORLD The Bride, A Bus And Plenty of Bingo

By Bob Wagner,  
AAP Columnist

The bride and I just got back from a bus trip to Michigan. It was the second longest bus trip I was ever on. Back in 1966, mere minutes after being sworn into the U.S. Army in Newark, N.J., I was handed a bus ticket to Fort Polk, La. In the company of two other potential flight school candidates, I rode a variety of buses cross country to Louisiana. I made a solemn vow to never again ride a bus further than to the Cherry Hill Mall. I must have forgotten.

Things have changed a whole lot since

those long ago days of Greyhound travel. Air conditioning is a nice touch. Movie screens help pass the time, but movie choice is not an option on a ladies club travel package. Westerns are not high up on the list of approved viewing for the girls. I do not recall playing bingo on my first big bus ride. Actually, I don't recall playing a lot of bingo anywhere before the long ride. And playing bingo is not the same as winning at bingo. But learning something new is always good.

Agreeing to this trip was an attempt to make the bride forget about the past 49 years of living with me. She has been saying for the last few years that I owe

her a 50th anniversary party, to make up, somewhat, for my past bad behavior. And I gleefully agree, as long as I don't have to go to the party on a bus.

All things considered, the trip had good scenery, great food, and fine companionship. The bride is smiling, and fall fishing is in the air. Life is good.

I promised to do fall cleanup with the bushes and leaves out front. But the bride left me to go to ladies club lunch, and the Jeep clutch is working, according to Fontana. So, I'm off to see the Jeep run, then the deer and turkeys, then a cup of coffee at the train station. After all

that exercise, a good nap and a bad western are in order. The bushes and leaves will still be there tomorrow.

For those of you who do not see the family pictures on Facebook, we celebrated Mom's 96th birthday at the Pub. About eleven Wagners sang "Happy Birthday," and all talked at once, for hours. It was a good thing it was early, so we all could recuperate before the football game. The three generations, four if you count the birthday girl, are all doing well. Unfortunately, the toxic level of speech and song have rendered the whole family hard of hearing. Our most

used, favorite word is "WHAT?"

I'm planning a getaway fishing trip this November. I need to recharge my goofing off batteries, catch the last warm rays of sunshine, and make up for the fish that didn't get caught this summer. If I act really quiet for a few days, maybe I can pack up my fishing gear and get the bride's approval for a getaway. I won't mind the long ride to North Carolina after the long bus ride to Michigan. I might miss the bingo on the bus, but I think I can do the drive, as long as there are no girly movies to lull me to sleep.

See you for turkey season!

## "Back The Blue" Jeep Ride Held On October 12



The fourth annual "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride, held on Saturday, Oct. 12, shows support to officers in Pennsauken and several other communities to thank them for their dedicated service.

A community event planned later this month is designed to be a show of support to local law enforcement.

The fourth annual "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12; last year, dozens of jeep owners gathered at the Cherry Hill Mall and then traveled to the police stations in several communities to thank officers for their dedicated service.

"We're just visiting police stations and shaking the hands of officers, thanking them for keeping our communities safe," says Ann Marie McCusker, the organizer of the "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride. "It's a great show of support to those who serve and protect us every day. We're excited for this year's event and we hope to have a larger turnout from the community."

The "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride has planned stops to thank officers in several police departments in Camden County, including Pennsauken Township.

Jeep owners who wish to participate on Oct. 12 should arrive at the back parking lot of the JCPenney at the Cherry Hill Mall by 8:30 a.m. For more information, visit the "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride's event page on Facebook.

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# Pennsauken Police To Participate In National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



The Pennsauken Township Police Department is taking part in an initiative designed to keep unused prescription drugs from being misused and off the streets.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. Sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency, National Prescription Drug Take Back Day ad-

Residents are encourage to safely and securely dispose of unused prescription drugs using the Pennsauken Police Department's drug collection unit, located in the police station lobby.

dresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.4 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, Pennsauken Police are encouraging residents to safely dispose of prescription drugs using the secure depository in the lobby of the town's police station, located at 2400 Bethel Ave. A repurposed mail box, the drug collection unit keeps prescription medicine away from children and the

water supply. In addition to National Prescription Drug Prescription Day, the Pennsauken Police's drug collection unit is available in the station's lobby 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For more information, visit [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/police/police-discovery](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/police/police-discovery).



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## TRICK OR TREATING IN PENNSAUKEN

The countdown to "Operation: Trick or Treat" has begun. Kids are already planning not just their Halloween costumes, but their trick or treat route as well, making sure to hit the houses in town that have the good stuff. To keep Pennsauken's boys and ghouls safe this Halloween, the Township has an ordinance in place.

Pennsauken has a curfew in place, not just on Oct. 31, but the two days prior to Halloween. During this period, any minor under the age of 16, regardless of where they live, are not allowed out on the streets of Pennsauken after the hour of 8:00 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Your buddy who just turned 18 isn't going to cut it. It

has to be an adult who's legally responsible for you.

Trick or treating on Oct. 31 runs from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

*For more information on Pennsauken's "trick or treating" ordinance, visit the Township's website, [twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://twp.pennsauken.nj.us).*

## HAUNTED HAYRIDE HELD AT COUNTRY CLUB ON OCTOBER 29



The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee Haunted Hay Ride will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Pennsauken Township's annual Haunted Hayride will be held on Tuesday, Oct.

29, from 6:15 to 9:00 p.m. at a brand new location: the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.

Sponsored by the Township's Youth Action Committee, the Haunted Hay Ride features ghosts, ghouls, goblins and the walking dead providing scary fun for the whole family, as guests ride around in a hay wagon pulled by a tractor. It's a great bargain, as the cost for the Haunted Hay Ride is just \$2.00 per person.

In addition, members of the Pennsauken Township Police Department, Pennsauken Fire Department and

Pennsauken EMS will be handing out Halloween candy to participants.

Volunteers are once again needed for this year's Haunted Hay Ride. Generous students and residents are asked to dress up as ghosts, ghouls, goblins, vampires, and zombies to help provide some scary fun for hay ride goers. As this is a family event, risqué costumes are not allowed.

*To sign up as a volunteer, or for more information about Pennsauken's Haunted Hay Ride, e-mail Elwood Martz at [emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us) or call (856) 665-1000 x151.*

## COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN EVENTS

### Costume Exchange, Halloween Events At Pennsauken Library

See page 24 for details.

### Haunted House

The Merchantville School Haunted House returns for two nights of thrills and chills Oct. 18 and 19 at the school, located at 130 S. Centre St. in Merchantville. Pick up "not-so-scary" tickets from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for a tour designed with the littlest kids in mind. Regular admission available from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids. Snacks, glow sticks, and basket raffle tickets are also available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Merchantville School eighth grade graduation.

### Historical Halloween Events

See page 18 for details.

### Tricks Or Treats At Phifer Middle School

See page 15 for details.

### Trunk Or Treat At Martin Luther Chapel

Martin Luther Chapel will be holding its third annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 27, from noon to 2:00 p.m., in the school parking lot on Baker Ave. at the corner of Rt. 130. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held inside in the school gym. The entire event is FREE for children of all ages in creative costumes to trick or treat in a safe place.

## THIS HALLOWEEN, CHANNEL 19 TURNS INTO "CHANNEL NIGHT SCREAM"

For the seventh year in a row, Pennsauken residents tuning into Channel 19 on Oct. 31 will be treated to a wide variety of horror movies, from cult favorites to extreme camp.

Each and every Halloween, Pennsauken Television presents "Channel Night Scream," a day-long horror movie marathon, airing several horror movies available from the public domain. Viewers can watch silent classics such as, "Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde," featuring John Barrymore; cult horror gem "The Brain That Wouldn't Die;" and "Attack of the Giant Leeches," a film that "sucks" on many levels. The programming culminates with George A. Romero's zombie masterpiece, "Night of the Living Dead."

In addition, special segments in between movies will highlight the winners



George A. Romero's classic "Night of the Living Dead" will have a special late night airing on Channel 19, Pennsauken Television.

of the Township's Halloween Home Decorating Contest.

Programming begins at midnight on Oct. 31 and runs roughly for 24 hours.

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Only homes in Pennsauken and Merchantville will be accepted for the Interactive Trick or Treat Map. Submissions will be accepted through Friday, Oct. 25. Information submitted to the Interactive Trick or Treat Map is solely provided by the general public. All Around Pennsauken is not responsible for any incorrect information provided. Trick or treaters should always be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Please use caution and common sense when participating in trick or treating.

## TOWNSHIP HOLDS ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The hunt will be on for the best Halloween decorations in town. Sponsored by Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee, the second annual Halloween Home Decorating Contest will recognize those home that go all out for the spookiest time of the year. A team of guys and ghouls will be creeping around town to locate the most impressive expressions of Halloween spirit Pennsauken has to offer. Prizes will be given to the first, second, and third place winners.

In order for decorated homes in Pennsauken to be considered for this year's contest, residents must submit their address using the form located at



This October, Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee will be holding a contest to identify the best Halloween decorations in town.

[twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/halloween-home-decorating-contest](http://twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/halloween-home-decorating-contest). Registration begins Tuesday, Oct. 1, and runs through Friday, Oct. 18.

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# Never Forget: Pennsauken Marks Eighteenth Anniversary Of The 9/11 Terror Attacks



An annual Pennsauken tradition, members of our community joined first responders in the placement of almost 3,000 flags at the Township's 9/11 Memorial.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

As the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 10, gave way to Wednesday, Sept. 11, the Pennsauken community marked the 18th anniversary of the terror attacks on September 11, 2001 by placing 2,997 American flags at the Township's 9/11 Memorial. Dozens of residents joined first responders and public officials during this moving, annual tradition.

"I can't tell you enough how beautiful this tribute is," says Township Committeewoman Jessica Rafeh. "This is my second year attending this wonderful ceremony. Every time, I place a flag on that ground, my heart goes out to those families that on this day are mourning the loss of their loved ones.

"I feel proud and honored that I represent a town that never forgets the he-

roes and lives of those citizens that we've lost on that tragic day."

"It was inspiring to see the wonderful turnout at 11:45 p.m. As always, our town comes together to support and honor our first responders and those who lost their lives on 9/11," adds Township Committeeman Tim Killion. "Placing those American flags in the ground is so impactful and touching and reminds me of the terrible loss so many

people felt that day. It also brought me back to Arlington, Va. during my senior year in college; seeing the smoke come from the Pentagon and the fear that we all had of what would happen next. However, as we finished putting the flags in the ground and you took a step back to view the almost 3,000 flags that were placed at the monument, the reality of what happened that day comes rushing back, as well as the many lives that were affected."

Pennsauken's monument was first dedicated on September 11, 2003 as a tribute to the heroes of 9/11 and the dedicated direct responders — police, fire and EMS — who serve every day to protect residents and businesses in the communities where they live. In remembrance of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, a steel beam from the World Trade Center

North Tower was dedicated as a permanent part of the memorial.

There's poignancy to having this event at night. The quiet calm of the late evening lends itself to the solemnness of the occasion. The many volunteers and first responders who come together each

and every year on Sept. 10 make light work of the large task. And after a moment of silence and an invocation, provided this year by Father Ed Friel of Mary Queen of All Saints Parish in Pennsauken, attendees took private moments to reflect on how what happened

18 years ago changed their lives forever.

"I think the resilience our country showed 18 years ago is reflected every year in Pennsauken with this tradition," says Killion. "What our residents do here each and every year makes me proud to call Pennsauken my home."

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## First Responders Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Pennsauken's police, fire department, and EMS have joined forces to support the fight against breast cancer.

Members of the town's first responders will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Sunday, Oct. 20, at Cooper River Park. Held annually across the county, these breast cancer walks raise money to fund innovative research, provide free information and support, and to help people reduce their breast cancer risk or find it early when it's most treatable.

To raise additional funds for the American Cancer Society, long sleeve shirts are being sold for \$25 at the

Pennsauken Township Police Department, 2400 Bethel Ave. Adult sizes small through 3XL are available. Payments can be made through cash, Cash App, and Venmo under "Pennsauke United." Please note that the last "n" in Pennsauken is purposefully omitted.

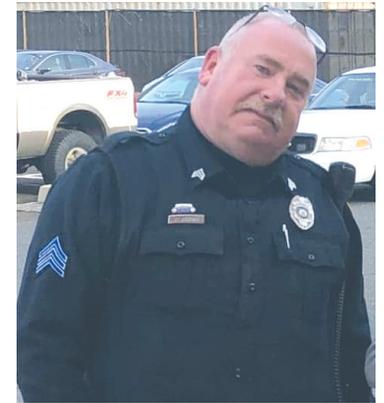


Pennsauken's first responders are selling long sleeve t-shirts to raise funds for the fight against breast cancer.

## Sergeant Bevins Retires From Pennsauken Police Department

At the end of August, Sergeant Chuck Bevins retired from the Pennsauken Police Department after over 25 years on the force.

We thank him for his service to the Pennsauken community and congratulate him on a well deserved retirement!



## K9 Teo Joins Pennsauken Police Department

The Pennsauken Police Department welcomes its newest member of their K9 Unit: Teo! Teo is a one-year-old German Shepherd and will work with his handler, Patrolman Bristow. K9 Teo was purchased through a federal grant.

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## SENIORCORNER Senior Health Fair, Harvest Dance Held This Month

By Sonny DiSabato,  
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors. The annual Senior Citizen Health Awareness Fair will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill, 2349 West Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, N.J.

Each year, the Health Awareness Fair provides information to senior citizens throughout Camden County about all of the services that are available. The event also kicks off the County's flu shot program. Attendees will enjoy a day of free entertainment, food, activities, and health

screenings. Door prizes will also be awarded throughout the afternoon.

This event is presented by the Camden County Board of Freeholders and is free to Camden County residents 60 years old and over. Registration is required to attend the Senior Citizens

Health Awareness Fair. To register, please call Senior Services at (856) 858-3220.

### Senior Harvest Dance Held October 16

The annual Senior Harvest Dance will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., at the Collingswood Ballroom at the Scottish Rite Theatre, 315 White Horse Pike, Collingswood, N.J. Sponsored by Senator Jim Beach, Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald, and Assemblywoman Pam Lampitt, the event features dancing and music, a dessert reception, and door prizes.

To reserve your space, please call (856) 858-3667 and leave a message with your name and the number of people in your party. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, Oct. 9.

### Caregiver Conference On October 23

The Camden County Board of Free-

holders presents the "Self-Care for the Caregiver" conference on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Camden County Boathouse at Cooper River, 7050 N. Park Dr., Pennsauken.

If you are responsible for a senior, learn about important services to assist you and your loved one with these concerns, as well as how to take care of yourself:

- Legal issues (securing finances, elder law information)
- In home services
- State health insurance counseling
- Senior well being program
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I wish you good health and happiness. Keep our men and women serving in the Armed Forces in your prayers.

## Woman's Club Meetings In October

The Evening Membership Department of the Woman's Club of Merchantville will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave., at 7:00 p.m.

The Woman's Club of Merchantville will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 16, noon, at the Merchantville Community Center. There will be a tea luncheon followed by a meeting. Members will be entertained by the Club chorus, "The Silver Belles."

The Woman's Club annual auction breakfast will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at the Penn Queen Diner.

Members of the community are invited to attend any of the Club's events.

The Merchantville Woman's Clubs have been one of the leading service organizations in the region. Members are women from our community, committed to making a difference. Among other things, the Club raises money for local and state charities and scholarships. Activities include monthly card and game parties; and members volunteer at the Cathedral Kitchen.

If you would like to attend a meeting, or for more information, contact Jan at (609) 410-4650 or janwh@aol.com.



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## GRAYMATTERS

### Is The Timing Off? Only Time Will Tell

By Judith Kristen,  
AAP Columnist

They say timing is everything. Well, at this point in my life, I'm thinking maybe timing/time is too much out of hand.

Please allow me to explain.

First off, I'm writing this October column to you in July. Why? Hey, why not? Does a specific month matter? I can walk into two local card stores in July and it's wall-to-wall Christmas!

Seriously! It's 101 degrees outside with humidity, making it feel like 116, and I'm surrounded by five lighted, plastic Christmas carolers singing, "Frosty the Snowman."

Christmas cards, colorful lights, wrapping paper, and ornaments for just about every possibility: baby's first Christmas; our first Christmas together; and for the Scrooges in our lives, there was a holiday doormat ornament that blinked two dif-

ferent sayings: "Bah Humbug" and "Go Away." Something for everyone, I suppose.

Personally, I actually like that one.

Then I'm listening to the radio on the way home and I hear that we're soon not going to use Daylight Saving Time; and that Halloween is best off on the last Saturday of the month because it's just more convenient. What's next? Shrove Tuesday on a Thursday? Your guess is as good as mine.

But on the bright side, and that's me all over, no one has dared to change "National Chocolate Cake Day" on Jan. 27; "Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day" on Feb. 2; or Bacon Day on Dec. 30.

So while time seems to fly in many different directions these days, it's nice to know that some things are still sacred, like ice cream, chocolate, and bacon.

Peace, love, and Happy Halloween, whenever it is. ~Judy



## Pennsauken Lions Hold Annual Cigar Night, Celebrate World Sight Day

The Pennsauken Lions will be holding its annual Cigar Night on Monday, Oct. 21, at Steak 38 Café in Cherry Hill. The cost is \$65 per person and includes appetizers, dinner, and dessert, as well as two premium cigars that can be smoked outside, in the Café's smoking room, or taken home. Appetizers begin at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited, so make your reservations as soon as possible by calling Steak 38 at (856) 662-3838; or Macaro's Deli at (856) 665-5286.

### The Importance Of World Sight Day

In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then, Lions Clubs have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired.

World Sight Day is held on Thursday, Oct. 10. Always held on the second Thursday of October, this event aims to

draw attention to a range of issues surrounding blindness and visual impairment. It is seen as one of the most important communication and advocacy events on the eye health calendar.

Initially started by the Lions Club International Foundation as part of the Sight First campaign in the year 2000, World Sight Day is now coordinated by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness under the VISION 2020 global initiative, which aims to promote "a world in which nobody is needlessly visually impaired."

The main aims of World Sight Day include:

- To raise public awareness of issues surrounding blindness and visual impairment
- To influence governments, and in particular health ministers, to participate in and donate funds to blindness prevention programs
- To educate about blindness prevention

The Pennsauken Lions will be doing eye screenings at all of Pennsauken's elementary schools, Merchantville Elementary, St Cecilia's School, and Little Angels Day Care throughout October. Permission slips have gone out to the schools in preparation for the screenings.

The Lions will also be doing free screenings at the Pennsauken Harvest Festival on Oct. 12. Screenings are for children older than 6 months of age, up to 8 years old. Parents must be available to sign the permission slip. No screenings can be done without parental permission.

If your child is not in one of the above-mentioned schools, is in a private/parochial school, or is homeschooled, the Lions would still like to get your child screened. Contact the Lions at pennsak-enlionsclub@comcast.net, or call (856) 441-5992. Depending on the response, we will announce a public screening for some time in October or November.

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## BOE Meeting

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m., at Pennsauken High School, Room #327, 800 Hylton Rd., Pennsauken, N.J. 08110. The public is invited to attend.

Prior to the meeting at the Administrative Office, Dr. Tarchichi will hold the monthly “Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent” from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the main office area of the high school. During this time, parents or residents can come and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

## Marching Band Competes At Gateway Regional



Congratulations to the Pennsauken High School Apache Marching Band, who earned third place and a commendation for best percussion during the recent competition at Gateway Regional High School!



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## Making Moves With The Mouse

Students in Ms. Wilkerson's first grade class are seen here on their second day of computer class, showing off their beautiful designs, as well as their mouse skills. After a long summer break and a world full of touch screens, the mouse is the focus at the start of the year.



## Baldwin Receives Generous Donation Of School Supplies, Backpacks



Pennsauken-based business The Property Alliance once again collected a wide variety of school supplies and book bags for students at Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center who might need a little assistance at the beginning of the school year. Seen here from left to right are Tashanique Jefferson, school counselor; Dana Gery, principal at Baldwin; and Dana Ubele and Sara Gladden from The Property Alliance.

## Benjamin Franklin Opens For New School Year

The Franklin Family enjoyed a wonderful opening to the school year.

On Aug. 28, Franklin had a back-to-school BBQ. Students and parents had an opportunity to enjoy hot dogs, chips, and cookies. Students had a chance to play; and parents had an opportunity to talk to one another.

The night before school opened, pre-k and kindergarten parents came to an orientation. Students had "The Night Before Kindergarten" read to them. Parents and students met their teachers and saw their classroom.

We had a great opening and look forward to a wonderful year at Franklin!

Students got a chance to play and reconnect during Franklin's back-to-school BBQ.



## Marching Band Hosts Fall Fundraiser

The Pennsauken High School Apache Marching Band is holding a fall fundraiser now through Wednesday, Oct. 9. Pricing is as follows: mums \$6; cornstalks \$5; straw bales \$10. Proceeds go to directly benefit the marching band.

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## Another Successful September In Pennsauken

By Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi,  
MEcD., M.S., M.B.S., M.A.,  
Ed.D., Superintendent,  
Pennsauken Public Schools

As we wrap up September in the 2019-20 school year, I would like to thank the teachers and students for their hard work during this first month of school. I would also like to thank the parents for their dedication, commitment, and devotion to their children and to Pennsauken Public Schools. I have stated in the past that teachers are the backbone of our District and I am especially grateful for their diligence. I would like to add that the dedicated parents are the backbone of Pennsauken Township; I thank them for their daily attentiveness to our schools and their children.

We had a wonderful opening with our teachers and administrators; thank you to all of our primary and secondary administrators, teachers, and all others that assisted in the preparation for the opening of our schools. The high school had possibly the most efficient opening in my tenure, with Mr. Bonkowski as the principal. Mr. Munford has competently taken charge of the successfully launched new alternative high school at Burling. Ms. Allen, principal of the middle school, has done an excellent job in her second year as the leader of that building. Mrs. Harmon has done very well in her second year as the leader of our upper elementary 4-5 building. Mrs. Gery, the principal of the full day preschool program, has been tremendous in this initiative, as this is our second year

of full day pre-kindergarten. Finally, this is the second year our elementary schools have moved to a pre-k to grade 3 model. The principals include Mrs. Lawrence at Delair; Mr. Honeyman at Fine School; Mrs. Joyce at Carson; and Mrs. Galloza at Franklin.

Our middle school and high school's enrollment is growing terrifically, as parents realize the opportunities available in Pennsauken with our vocational programs; pre-college, dual credit programs, including our senior year option; and our athletic opportunities due to our expanding facilities. A few that I will mention include:

- Our automotive CTE program, which is now NATEF certified, permitting students to receive ASE accreditation
- Our welding CTE and electrical CTE programs that are preparing students to be electricians and ironworkers
- Students going to Rowan College of Burlington County during their senior year and taking classes with only college students in order to attain an Associate's Degree
- Athletes competing on our new Division I turf and eight-lane track for all of their games

Some of our CTE and academy programs to date in Pennsauken Public Schools include cosmetology, culinary arts, graphic arts and design, Air Force JROTC, carpentry, automotive technology, welding, HVAC and electrical construction, criminal justice, health occupations, and business and technology, among others.

Also, congratulations to Coach Tabb, head football coach of the Indians, who has led our athletes to a great start of the

season. All of our athletes are trained thoroughly to compete in strength and conditioning by Mr. Gates, head strength coach; Mr. Conklin, assistant strength coach; and athletic training legend, Coach Connors.

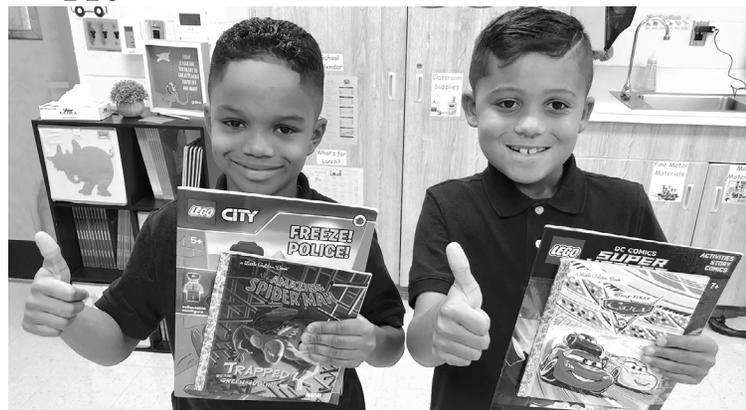
There is no better high school to be an academic learner, vocational trade apprentice, or aspiring athlete than Pennsauken Public Schools. Parents, please understand that the reason for the influx in our secondary enrollment is because there is a zero tolerance behavior policy in Pennsauken Public Schools; if a student severely violates our behavior policy, they will no longer be in our general population. Pennsauken High School is not only beneficial academically, vocationally, and athletically, it is a safe – both emotionally and physically – place to send your child to be educated. Students at both Pennsauken High School and Burling High School are offered a vocational education that tethers their academic learning, which provides them with real world opportunities when they graduate.

We look forward to educating every child in Pennsauken and helping both their dreams and your aspirations to become a reality.

### Spend Time With The Super

Please join me each month for "Coffee and Questions with the Superintendent," which takes place on Thursdays before Board of Education meetings, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the main office of Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd. During this time, parents and residents can see me directly for an informal meeting and ask questions regarding

## Happy Readers In Mrs. DeMarco's Class



Mrs. De Marco's third graders are excited to be back to school! We love books and we enjoyed reading some of our favorite books today! We hope that everyone that everyone had a wonderful summer. Happy reading, friends!

## Tricks Or Treats Event On October 27

The Pennsauken Education Association (PEA), in collaboration with the Pennsauken Board of Education and Pennsauken Township, is hosting a free Halloween Tricks or Treats event for the Pennsauken Community.

Tricks or Treats will be held on Sunday, Oct. 27, in the gymnasium and cafeteria of Phifer Middle School, 8201 Park Ave. The event will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. Doors will close at 12:30 pm for trick or treating.

All attendees will be allowed to park their cars in the front or back parking lots.

The PEA Tricks or Treats event is one of many PRIDE in Public Education activities to be carried out by the Pennsauken Education Association this year.

Volunteering to produce this event is one of the many ways that the Pennsauken School District employees give back to the Pennsauken community.

The PEA is an affiliate of the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) and represents the teachers, nurses, librarians, guidance counselors, child study team members, and student assistance coordinators of the Pennsauken School District.

Pennsauken PRIDE is an ongoing campaign created to share the education successes of the Pennsauken School District with all Pennsauken residents, while building strong community support and involvement in our great public schools.

Visit us on Facebook at "Pride in Pennsauken Education Association" to learn more about the mission of the PEA!

## Ransone Rocking First Graders Excited For School



The Ransone Rocking First Grade is ready for the 2019-2020 academic year at Carson Elementary! We started our year off with the "Ransone Pledge of Respect." This year's class came up with their own set of standards to enforce our classroom mindset. We are off to an amazing school year!

## Carson Teachers Working Together



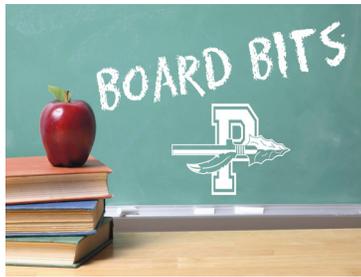
Carson's teachers are excited to be back and ready to collaborate and learn from each other. At our opening day faculty meetings, we discussed our professional expectations that we have for each other and how that transfers to effective teaching.

## PHS One Act Festival October 25 And 26

Pennsauken High School hosts its inaugural One Act Festival this month. Four plays will be presented, all of which are directed by PHS seniors:

- "Interior: Panic," directed by Aleksei Knaus
- "Check, Please!," directed by Molly Moran
- "Love, K," written and directed by Eustacia Pyne-Bailey
- "Arabian Nights," directed by Angela Nguyen

Performances are at the PHS Auditorium, 800 Hylton Rd. Show times are 7:00 p.m. on both Friday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Oct. 26. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors.



## The Long Term Benefits Of Early Childhood Education

By the Pennsauken Board of Education: Nick Perry, President; Diane Johnson, Vice President; Michael Bortnowski; Michael Hurley; Maria James; Samer John Jarbouh-Rafeh; Scott La Vine; Orlando Viera; and JoAnn Young

The Pennsauken Board of Education and District staff both were delighted to hear that there was an increase in stu-

dent enrollment for Pennsauken's all day pre-kindergarten program. Early childhood education in Pennsauken not only gives children a head start in their education, but also lifts the transportation and financial barriers off of working families in the Township.

Early childhood education is a popular topic of research and study in both academia and public policy, with many positive findings coming to light in recent years. Within this article, you will find a variety of positive outcomes from enrolling a student in an all day pre-kindergarten, as well as the long term impacts of early childhood education.

### Academic Development

According to the National Institute for Early Education at Rutgers University, children who enroll in early childhood education showed higher improvement in language, literacy, and math development compared to other four year olds. In 2015, about 51 percent of children attended full day pre-kindergarten. This is almost an even split. Select studies from the Learn & Grow Academy found that full day preschool programs can greatly increase the development of a student who may be experiencing underdeveloped literacy, math, and vocabulary skills. One study found that approximately 80 percent of children who attended full day preschool were at or above national school readiness norms, while only 58

percent of children in half day preschool programs were exceeding the standard level of readiness.

### Higher Testing Scores

The Harrisburg School District, a large urban public education system in Pennsylvania, has a preschool program that was measured to find a correlation between early learning and increased test scores. The research study from the Prevention Research Center at Penn State showed continued participation in the Harrisburg Preschool Program led to fifth grade students to scoring higher on Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) literacy and math tests than peers who have not participated in the HPP program.

### Community And Family Benefits

All day pre-k programs provide a large benefit to working parents, especially single parents. Having a child enrolled in an all day pre-k program with provided transportation substantially reduces the high costs of child care and prevents families from having to make the tough decision of delaying early education for their children or delaying their increase in annual income. This is a decision that no parent should have to make.

### Creating A Path To Success

Scientific studies show that children who get an education before they are

five years old are more likely to graduate high school, receive post-secondary education, have fewer health problems, and lead a prosperous life. World renowned economist James Heckman, who won a Nobel Prize for his work in early childhood education, stated that "every dollar invested in quality early childhood development for disadvantaged children produces \$7 to \$10 return, per child, per year through better education, health, social and economic outcomes and the reduced need for social spending."

The Pennsauken Board of Education values feedback from the community. If you have any additional questions regarding Pennsauken School District's pre-kindergarten program, please contact administration at (856) 662-8505.

## Pennsauken School District Polls Community On Night Courses

The Pennsauken School District is polling the local community on the interest of offering night courses for those interested in a career change or in need of certification/licensure. Proposed courses would include automotive technology, electrical, welding, cosmetology, and HVAC.

An online survey is posted on the District's website and will be active for several weeks. In addition, residents and school families can share their opinion during the upcoming back to school nights and alumni day.

For more information, visit [Pennsauken.net](http://Pennsauken.net).

## PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

For further information about the articles or events published in the Pennsauken School News section of "All Around Pennsauken" please contact:

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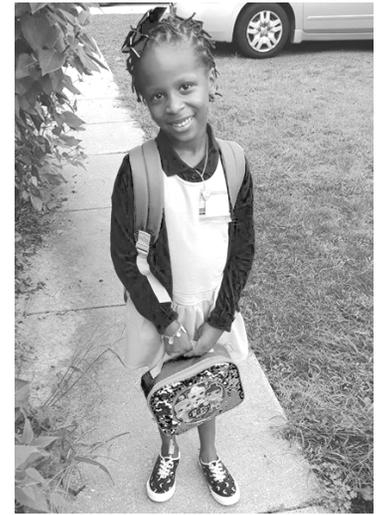
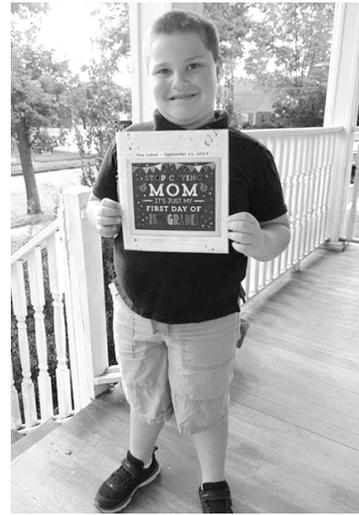


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# First Day Of School For 2019

Kids throughout Pennsauken were excited to start of a new year of learning!



## Celebrating Camden County History Month And Halloween Fun!

By Robert Fisher-Hughes,  
AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

The Camden County History Alliance has declared October to be Camden County History Month, with new and extra-special programming at historic sites all over the county! For our part, Pennsauken Historical Society offers special programs at Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House three times during October!

### First Sunday Open Houses

On the First Sunday in October on the 6th, from noon to 4:00 p.m., both houses will offer programs of living history to show visitors the lives and work of the colonial settlers who first built these beautiful, historic homes. Griffith Morgan House will host hearth cookery, butter making and other activities of the colonial household. Burrough-Dover House plans crafts and activities with quill pen writing with traditional natural ink, tin punching, and other fun activities for the whole family. Both houses will also offer free tours and access to their

museums to tell the history of our historic houses, their residents, and the community that grew up from them! This event is admission and parking free; refreshments will be offered, or you can bring your own picnic lunch for a family day!



### Paranormal Investigations On October 12

On the evening of Saturday, Oct. 12, starting at 7:00 p.m., the members of NJROPE paranormal researchers will offer a guided journey to the spirit-world

co-existing with the historic homes of Pennsauken! At both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House, participants will have the opportunity to use the experience and equipment of these intrepid investigators to reach out to the former inhabitants and those who worked, visited, or passed by these ancient places in times now gone. This event is a fundraiser for the historic preservation of the homes and for the work of Pennsauken Historical Society. Limited admission of 12 per house is \$25 for non-members and \$20 for members of the Historical Society. Reserve your spot at this last investigation of 2019 when attending our First Sunday program, visiting our Facebook pages, or e-mailing pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

### Halloween For The Kids

Finally, but certainly not last in fun, Griffith Morgan House will host its traditional "Halloween for the Kids" event on Saturday, October 26, from noon to 4:00 p.m.! The olde house will be haunted by crafts, games, and activities

of the spooky season, appropriate for the whole family. Ye' Olde Pumpkin Patch promises to start full of plump pumpkins, ready to be made into jack-o-lanterns of all kinds, just in time for Halloween! Get one for yourself and the kids and bring them inside to decorate with macabre flair! Treats, games, crafts, and local Halloween lore await! Admission and most activities are free, but a nominal fee is charged for some crafts to recover the costs of materials.

For more information about the dozens of special historical events at member sites throughout the county during Camden County History Month,

be sure to visit the Facebook page of Camden County History Alliance. And don't forget to pick up the next, free issue of Camden County History magazine!

Visit the Griffith Morgan House or Pennsauken Historical Society pages, or the group "Pennsauken History Forum" on Facebook for more details or directions; or leave a message at (856) 486-9561 or e-mail pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com for more information.

Both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House are also open for tours, events, and research by prior appointment.

## Financial Seminar Held October 17 At Country Club

A complimentary dinner and financial seminar will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. Learn from experts about how your Social Security benefits work, as well as invest-

ment strategies for retirement. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.; seminar starts at 7:00 p.m. Limited seating is available and registration is required. For more information and to reserve seating, call (856) 910-1100.

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## Perception Is Reality... Or Is It?

By Tracey Howarth,  
Pennsauken Township

I'm sure you've heard that old phrase by Lee Atwater, "Perception is reality." Those who live by that rule may be falling short of the big picture. Perception is the interpretation of sensory information in order to represent and understand the presented information. Everyone takes in information differently. That information may be fact based from a personal experience; many times it's an opinion drawn by someone else's experiences as told to you through their eyes.

The phrase itself is sort of an oxymoron. By definition, perception is not reality; it's interpretations of isolated moments in time, possibly hearsay, or shared experiences based on someone else's emotions and opinions. Reality is exactly that: reality. Both perception and reality change based on a single person's experience, opinions, or beliefs. So you might say that perception and reality are only as good as the person sharing their experience at the time that they are sharing it. At the end of the day, you weren't there and you don't know what "really" happened; you only know someone else's perception.

Over the past three years, I've listened to a lot of feedback, opinions, and perceptions of our Construction Department. Whether it was about our people, our policies, or our processes, everyone had an opinion. I've spoken to residents,

contractors, investors, bank representatives, and private sector business owners. Each has their own perception and opinion of our construction department. So I thought, maybe this would be a good time to share some reality.

Now there are always opportunities for improvement and growth; and as the remainder of the year unfolds, you will see that we are working hard to bring policies and processes into the current times. We're working to introduce more automation, streamlining and simplifying policies and processes to eliminate as much of the minutia and reduce as much stress and frustration from the experience as possible. But while working on that initiative, I've seen, heard, and learned a lot about the reality that is our Building and Construction Department.

What many people believe are that violations are dictated by the Township, when in fact, they come from the New Jersey Code Book. It's the job of the Building and Construction Department to do our best to keep our residents and business owners safe and out of harm's way. That is our main objective.

We have made several changes to our inspection process, in an effort to remove the things that are not safety, health, and welfare related. This is an ongoing process; one that we will continue to monitor in order to stay current with the state code. At the same time, we will stay

focused on our main objective: keeping our residents safe.

Here's an easy example. Going into the summer months, many people like to enjoy a back yard pool. I've heard and have seen many comments regarding the Township's requirement for getting a permit when installing a pool. Think about what goes into operating a pool; you have water and electricity. One purpose of the permit is to ensure that the electrical requirements are met so that no one gets electrocuted. Another is fencing for the pool. Pools can be a drowning hazard, especially for small children. Therefore, a fence to protect against this hazard is required in most cases.

Another example is permits from a previous owner. Often times, when people are selling their homes, they find that a previous owner did work without getting the appropriate permits. We understand that this can be frustrating when you find that you have to complete the permit process on something you didn't install or repair. To remedy as much of this as we can, we have begun to close out any old permits that are not safety related. This will take time due to the volume of permits in our system today. Much of this situation is found during the housing inspection process, so we are dependent upon that inspection to help us prioritize our efforts.

The bottom line is that we are taking the steps necessary to change the current

perception, but we need your help and patience. We are here to help and guide you through any process related to your property. The best advice would be to plan ahead if you are selling your house and give yourself enough time to get your work completed so that getting your final

certificate of occupancy is seamless. If you are doing work and haven't ever taken out a permit, come in and we will help you through the process. Remember, it's not a perfect science, but we are doing everything we can to simplify the process and stay focused on your safety.

## Boardworkers Needed By Camden County Board Of Elections

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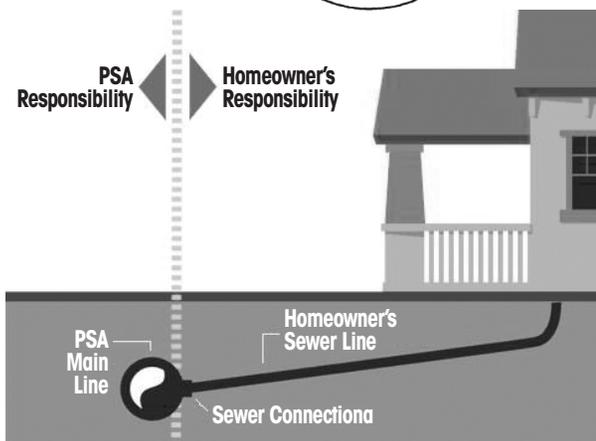
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## River Days Tree Planting At Gateway Park On October 5

The New Jersey Tree Foundation and New Jersey Conservation Foundation invite the local community for a River Days tree planting at Gateway Park, 2798 Admiral Wilson Blvd., Pennsauken. Held on Saturday, Oct. 5, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers should wear sturdy, close-toed shoes and bring their enthusiasm! Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

River Days is a six-week series of events celebrating the Delaware River and its tributaries, the source of clean drinking water for 15 million people in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Seeking to transform area residents into environmental stewards for their local waterways, River

Days, through 30 distinct events, will provide recreational opportunities and hands-on learning activities to attendees, and teach them about simple steps they can take in order to improve water quality throughout the Delaware River watershed. River Days is hosted by a newly formed network of environmental education centers located on or nearby the Delaware River waterways, aiming to preserve and protect the waterways and the lands nearby, and the crucial habitat they provide for hundreds of species of plants and animals.

To sign up for the tree planting at Gateway Park, or for more information, e-mail [justin.dennis@njconservation.org](mailto:justin.dennis@njconservation.org).



A River Days tree planting will be held at Pennsauken's Gateway Park on Saturday, Oct. 5. Photo credit: Alliance for Watershed Education of the Delaware River.

## Six New Pennsauken Firefighters Sworn In

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

At a Township Committee meeting in August, Director of Public Safety Bill Orth swore in six new Pennsauken firefighters: Brandon Greenday, Orlando Colon, Joseph Fabrizio, Abimael Rodriguez, Nicholas Johnson, and Joseph Palumbo. Three of these new members are second generation firefighters.

According to the Pennsauken Township Fire Department, these staff addi-

tions represent the initial steps of an action plan to activate a second suppression company during weekday hours in 2020. This resource need was identified in the 2018-2021 Strategic Operations Plan for the Pennsauken Fire Department.

We congratulate the new firefighters on this accomplishment and wish them both success and safety as they protect the residents and property of our community.



In August, six new members of the Pennsauken Township Fire Department took the oath of office.

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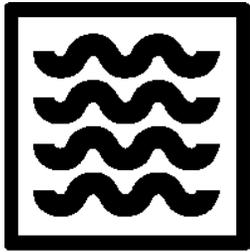
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UNITS	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	

support representatives will schedule an appointment to obtain a meter reading and to verify that your remote is still functioning properly. It is important that you have your bill corrected prior to the

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### A Reminder To Our Senior And Disabled Customers

With the end of the year quickly approaching, remember to submit your enrollment form for your 2020 discount! Please note that even if you are currently receiving a discount, you must apply EACH year to continue receiving your discount. Now is a good time to collect any information you may need for your application. Stop by our administrative headquarters on Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken to pick up an application. You may also print a copy of the enrollment form by visiting our website at [www.mpwc.com](http://www.mpwc.com). Our customer support representatives will be happy to assist you in completing your enrollment form. Your enrollment form requires your block and lot number, so please bring along a copy of your tax bill.

### Water Service Line Protection Plans through HomeServe U.S.A.

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### ATTENTION CUSTOMERS: The MPWC is on Facebook!

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REPORTING YEAR 2018



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Printed copies are available at our office. If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Support Center during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Wedding Announcement: O'Neal-Wolfer

Nicole Anne O'Neal and Paul Patrick Wolfer were married on Sunday, September 1, 2019.

Nicole, a native of Medford and former Westampton resident, is the daughter of Mr. Bryan O'Neal and Ms. Sandra O'Neal. She is a full-time student at Jefferson College of Health Professions, studying Cardiac Sonography.

Longtime Pennsauken resident Paul Wolfer is the son of Ms. Linda Wolfer. He

is a senior designer for Burlington Stores.

The wedding ceremony was held at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Tabernacle; reception was held at Clarks Landing Yacht Club in Delran.

The Wolfers reside in Pennsauken; their honeymoon will be planned at a later date. Have an engagement or wedding announcement? E-mail aap@twp.pennsauken.nj.us for details on getting into an upcoming issue!



Nicole and Paul Wolfer were married on September 1, 2019. Photo credit: Nicole Nurthen Photography.

### Pennsauken Township Seeking Qualifications For Professional Services Contracts *continued from page 1*

#### Rent Stabilization Board Seeks Solicitor

The Township of Pennsauken solicits statements of qualification from applicants for appointment to the Rent Stabilization Board as its solicitor. Responses should address the general criteria and

mandatory minimum criteria for the position sought. All responses will be treated as confidential and reviewed only by the governing body, unless otherwise required by law.

Responses must be received in the Office of the Township Clerk, 5605 North

Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, N.J. 08110, no later than noon, Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

For more information on all of these professional services contract requests, visit [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us).

### Public Asked To Report Spotted Lanternfly Sightings

*continued from page 1*

grape, orchard, and logging industries.

Adult spotted lanternflies lay their eggs on trees and other surfaces in late fall. Egg masses measure approximately 1" long. Fresh ones look like patches of encrusted

mud; older masses appear as vertical rows of seed-like egg cases. Residents that find spotted lanternfly egg masses are encouraged to scrape them off, double bag them and throw them in the trash. Applying alcohol and hand sanitizer is also effective

in killing the eggs.

More information about SLF is available from the United States Department of Agriculture by visiting <http://bit.ly/LanternflyFacts>.

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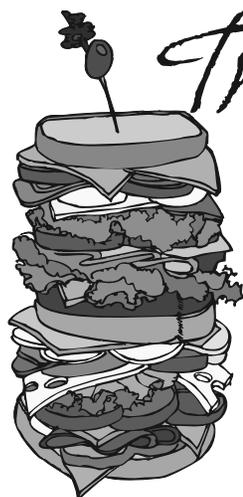
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The Pennsauken Free Public Library invites the local community to their first Hispanic Heritage and Culture Festival. Held on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Library, the Festival

## Library Holds Hispanic Heritage And Culture Festival On October 5

features events for the whole family, including music and dance, spoken word performances, information tables, health screenings and more.

For more information, call (856) 665-5959, ext. 4 and leave a message.

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Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The Library will be closed on Monday, Oct. 14, in observance of Columbus Day.

## October Library Events

• **Library Board Meeting** – Monday, Oct. 28; 6:00 p.m. Each month, board members meet to review current issues, budget, policies, and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend.

### FOR CHILDREN ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR CAREGIVERS

- **Wee Readers** – Tuesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29; 10:30 a.m. Storytime for little ones up to age 2.
- **Explore On The Floor** – Tuesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; 11:00 a.m. This free-play program allows for our littlest patrons, ages 2 and under, to socialize and play with a puppet theater, soft toys, DUPLO blocks, activity tables, and more!
- **Preschool Storytime** – Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, & 23; 10:30 a.m.; and Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, & 24; 2:00 p.m. Storytime for children ages 3 to 5.
- **Toddler Movement** – Saturday, Oct. 6; 2:00 p.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time

of music, guided movements, and dance. For ages 2-5.

- **Books & Beaks** – Thursday, Oct. 10; 5:30 p.m. Read to a therapy chicken! For ages 6 and up. Advance registration is REQUIRED for this program. Call (856) 665-5959 ext. 6 or stop by the Youth Services Desk to register for your 15-minute time slot.
- **Yoga Storytime** – Thursday, Oct. 24; 6:00 p.m. For children ages 3-8. Pre-registration is required; call (856) 665-5959 ext. 6 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.
- **Halloween Toddler Movement** – Sunday, Oct. 27; 2:00 p.m. A special Halloween Toddler Movement, filled with no tricks and lots of treats! Feel free to bring your little one in their Halloween costume! Ages 2-5 with a parent or caregiver.
- **Halloween Baby Ballet** – Sunday, Oct. 27; 2:30 p.m. A special Halloween Baby Ballet, filled with no tricks and lots of treats! Feel free to bring your

little one in their Halloween costume! Ages 2-5 with a parent or caregiver.

- **Halloween Storytime Party** – Wednesday, Oct. 30; 10:30 a.m. A special Halloween Storytime Party, featuring stories, a parade, and even some treats! Costumes are encouraged! All ages with a parent or caregiver.

## Kristian New Youth Services Librarian

Heather Kristian is the Library's new head of our Youth Services Department. Heather previously worked at the Pennsauken Free Public Library's Reference Department part time, as well as the Circulation Departments of both Rowan University's Campbell Library and the Cherry Hill Public Library.

Welcome aboard!



Kristian

## The ICEMAN Goeth

BY GAVIN ROSSNER

Double, double, toil, and trouble,  
 I forgot to shave, now I have stubble,  
 Lizard's leg and rodent hide,

You're invited to our hay ride!  
 It's now at the Country Club, Oooooo...  
 Ghosts are waiting to say "Boo!"  
 The Witching Hour is 6:15,  
 The fun is spooky and it's clean,  
 October 29th is the date,  
 Come one, come all, but don't be late!



## Pennsauken Library Holds Costume Exchange On October 6

The Pennsauken Free Public Library will hold a Costume Exchange on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 1:00 p.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring gently-used children's and teen costumes and accessories to swap. Leave what you can... Take what you need!

Please note: the Pennsauken Library Youth Services Department will not be providing costumes for this event; parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring what they can to swap. Also, per library safety regulations, no child may be left unattended during any Youth Services program.

For more information, stop by Youth Services Desk at the Library; you can also contact them at (856) 665-5959 x6 or pennsaukenyslibrarian@gmail.com.



## GOING GREEN Poisonous Plants And The Ghosts They Leave Behind

By Kathleen Harvey,  
AAP Columnist

'Tis the season of ghosts, witches, and other spooky things of lore. However, there are some truly scary things to be wary of when you have children and pets who tend to put everything into their mouths.

The most commonly known are poison ivy, oak, and sumac. They helpfully have poison in their name, making no mistake that these plants should be left alone, or carefully removed while wearing heavy gloves if they are in your backyard. But what about the less well known plants?

Many poisonous plants are quite pretty; some even have beautiful flowers. Most of these are fine to be around, as long as they aren't ingested. This knowledge can be deployed as a strategy in the garden. For example, spring bulbs are some of my favorite flowers to enjoy. But I have given up trying to grow tulips, because rabbits and squirrels kept digging them up and eating them before they could bloom. However, daffodil bulbs, those brightly colored yellow, white, and orange trumpets, are poisonous if eaten. Wild animals who frequent my garden seem to know that they are toxic if eaten and leave them alone for all to enjoy.

History is chock full of poison lore. Hundreds of years ago, during the time of royalty and nobility, individuals who were envious of wealth, titles, and property would kill each other, sometimes with poison, to reap the benefits of inheritance. Poison was also sometimes used

as a form of execution. In 339 B.C., the famous philosopher Socrates was sentenced to death for corrupting the youth of Athens. He was given a drink infused with hemlock, an herbaceous perennial that is a paralytic, first paralyzing limbs, and eventually paralyzing the lungs.

One source of accidental poisoning is mushrooms. Some folks will harvest wild mushrooms, as there are many varieties that are quite delicious sautéed and served as a side dish, over steak, or with Marsala wine over chicken or pork chops. However, differentiating wonderful tasting and healthy mushrooms, like portabellas, morels, oysters, chicken of the woods, chanterelles, and shitake mushrooms, from their poisonous look-a-likes can be challenging. Many highly toxic mushrooms look very similar to the edible ones. These have names to ward off people from experimenting. Toxic mushroom varieties, like the Death Cap, Destroying Angel, Amanita, and Autumn Skullcap, can kill or make you very sick if ingested. It's best to purchase mushrooms from the local market where they, especially the readily available portabellas, are farm grown and harvested by professionals.

Medical cannibalism was popular until about 1700, wrote the literary scholar P. Kenneth Himmelman in "Dialectical Anthropology." Human body parts, called mumia, were sold to apothecaries and physicians by the town executioner. Doctors believed that some essence of the life force remained in the body after death, especially in the case of executed

criminals or accident victims, cases where life was taken suddenly from an otherwise healthy young person. The remainder of the deceased's natural life span

could thus be ingested by the person consuming his body parts. Ewww....

If you go on a ghost or haunted house tour this month, maybe some of the rest-

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Happy Halloween!

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tion is \$25 per person; \$30 on the day of the event. Proceeds benefit St. Peter Parish in Merchantville. For more information, e-mail Bobbie Bradley at stpeterseniorministry@gmail.com or call (856) 662-7577.



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## An Open Letter From Mayor McBride *continued from page 3*

Bow Wow Dog Park at Cooper and Collins avenues. Receptacles are available there to dispose of pet waste.

With all the wildlife that calls Pennsauken home, from an increase of turkeys to the “interesting” odor we’ve been getting from skunks, geese and the mess they leave behind, continue to be a problem. When washed into a waterway, their droppings are a source of pollution. And we all know that a flock of geese can leave a lot of droppings behind. While it’s difficult to relocate geese, Pennsauken has adopted an ordinance making it illegal to feed them on public property.

Pennsauken’s ordinance on improperly disposing of waste materials prohibits anything other than rainwater from going into an inlet. Dumping oil or other unwanted household chemicals into a storm inlet is not only dangerous but also deadly to marine life. Please take advantage of the hazardous waste disposal days that the County has during the year. The next Camden County household hazardous waste collection event will be on Saturday, Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Camden County

Public Works facility, 2311 Egg Harbor Rd., Lindenwold. For information on what to bring and what to leave home, call (856) 858-5241.

Remember, pollutants can also be grass, leaves and fertilizers. While some think of these as “organic,” they are in fact pollutants to clean water and a danger to aquatic life. In addition, too many leaves raked down a storm inlet can also cause the sewer to clog and possibly result in flooding. Only rainwater should go down a storm drain.

The ordinances mentioned are intended to remind residents and businesses of the need to stop waterway pollution at the source. And for those who flagrantly violate our ordinances on littering and pollute our waterways can and will face heavy fines, up to \$1,250 in some cases. Residents and business owners who observe this type of behavior in their neighborhoods are urged to report these issues to our Property Maintenance Department by calling (856) 665-1000 x130, x131, or x132.

In addition, the NJDEP has directed municipalities to use eco-style inlets. These have been appearing all over

town. The openings are purposely small enough to stop large debris, such as plastic bottles and soda cans, from being washed into the storm sewer, but allow rainwater to pass through.

In addition to the Township retrofitting the new eco-style inlets, businesses are also required by ordinance to retrofit storm inlets whenever a parking lot needs to be repaved or the seal coating of a parking area is done.

Pennsauken Township’s Highway Department inspects inlets every year and cleans those blocked by debris. However, with over 1,100 inlets throughout the Township, the Highway Department cannot always get to them immediately. Cleaning off a storm inlet and placing the debris in a trash container is a way that Pennsauken residents can help keep the environment clean. This is particularly important in neighborhoods that are prone to street flooding in a heavy rain.

The ordinances discussed in this article can be found on our Township website ([www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us)) in the Government/Codebook section. Specific requirements are included in Chapters 101, Animals; Chapter 197, Litter; Chapter 256, Sewers and Drainage Systems; and Chapter 269, Solid Waste.

## Pennsauken Township Seeks Certified Tax Collector

The Township of Pennsauken is seeking a full time, certified tax collector, responsible for the oversight of the bookkeeping, calculation, and accounting functions to comply with all state law and municipal directives in the collection of property taxes.

Responsibilities include the proper calculation, preparation, and mailing of tax bills; the receipt and detailed accounting of all monies and/or checks received; the timely and accurate accounting and reporting of the activities of the office, as required by state law and municipal directive; and assisting in the administration of procedures for the enforcement of timely payment of all due taxes, tax lien

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## Blast From The Past Fundraiser Held October 12

Mary Queen of All Saints Parish in Pennsauken will be hosting a “Legends Blast From The Past” fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 12. Held from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Msgr. Cavanaugh School Hall, located at 49th St. and Camden Ave., the event features Elvis, Frank Sinatra and Patsy Cline impersonators, as well as a

DJ for dancing.

Tickets are \$30 per person and include hot roast beef and pork, assorted salads, desserts, soda, beer and set-ups. The event is B.Y.O.B.

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and T&M Engineering.

Performances at the sixth annual Harvest Festival will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Woodstock. The bands that take the main stage will be performing songs from that era, while

covering a variety of genres.

"We've got four great bands lined up for the Harvest Festival, some of whom have local talent among their members," says Martz.

Held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Month, a time of year to focus on promoting the importance of fire safety in the community, the Pennsauken Fire Department will hold several demonstrations, including rappelling and a car extraction, as well as hosting their annual chili contest. This year's theme is, "Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape.™"

"When your smoke alarm goes off you may only have one or two minutes to escape your home safely," explains Captain Dan Kerr, fire marshal of the Pennsauken-Collingswood Fire Prevention and Inspection Bureau. "Making an escape plan with your family and practicing your home fire drill can make all the difference in giving yourself enough time to get out safely."

Rows of vendors and crafters will line the parking lot of the Community Recreational Complex, located next to the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Com-

mission building, north of Cove Rd. Attendees looking to enjoy a meal or snack will have several food trucks to choose from. There will be plenty of free activities for the kids. New this year, youngsters accompanied by an adult can board a hayride at Bethel Ave. and travel around the complex to a "patch" to pick out the perfect pumpkin for painting. Toe Knee the Magician will be on site, amazing kids both young and old with up close magic performances. Entertaining stilt walkers give attendees someone to look up to. For animal lovers, there will be a petting zoo and pony rides. Families can

also take advantage of other Harvest Festival staples, including scarecrow making, balloon twisting, face painting, and more.

Regular and handicapped parking will be available for attendees, both on site as well as the areas adjacent to the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex; during the event, traffic assistance will be provided by Pennsauken Police. The rain date for the event is Sunday, Oct. 13.

For more information, visit "Pennsauken Harvest Festival" on Facebook or go to [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/harvest-festival-2019](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/harvest-festival-2019).

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## Stamp Exhibition Begins At Library In October

The Merchantville Stamp Club will hold its annual competitive stamp exhibition, "MERPEX 2019," during Stamp Collecting Month, which is observed every October. The exhibition will be held from Oct. 26 through Oct. 29 at the Community Room of the Pennsauken Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., and is open during normal library hours.

An opening ceremony will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 11:30 a.m. Free refreshments will be offered after the guest speaker's talk and presentation of awards to the exhibitors. The public is invited to attend this opening ceremony.

Questions about this exhibition may be directed to Mac Sarreal at [macsar530@aol.com](mailto:macsar530@aol.com) or (856) 424-2389.

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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,  
Department of Public Works

Pennsauken's annual Car, Bike, and Craft Show signals the end of summer, where warm weather hangs around just long enough to keep the grass growing and hints at the arrival of autumn.

They say that hindsight is 20/20. Looking over my tracking of the recycling contamination figures since Pennsauken's anti-plastic bag initiative began on Aug. 12, I wanted to share our progress with you and our continued approach for the

## Autumn In Pennsauken: Recycling Updates And Leaf Collection Preparation

next several weeks. Overall, our contamination level dropped across all routes, thanks to our residents. In the course of seven weeks, we have taken the rejection data with contamination percentages and located the streets in town where they originate, focusing our efforts there. It's important to note that of the two recycling trucks that collect each day, only one of the two have ever been rejected – if any were actually rejected at all.

Monday and Tuesday's routes were the main focus, hitting 32 percent at their peak. Both have settled down to the low 20s, with no rejections one week in early

September. Tuesday, Sept. 17 had an 8.3 percent contamination rate. The limit is 8 percent. We were really close there, although I find it hard to believe the recycling facility can determine three-tenths of a percent.

Thursday's route did not have a contaminated load until Aug. 22, with contamination at 37 percent. The following week was a zero and Labor Day week's collection was down to 32 percent. Sept. 12 had no rejections again. It's hard to determine the causes here, but the trend downward is encouraging.

Friday's route did not have a rejected load until Aug. 30, with the contamination at 24 percent. The following week was down to 9.2 percent and none since then. Again, these are inconsistent numbers; but since this route is so large, it is encouraging that the number is as low as it is.

As I wrote in social media posts and previous articles, we anticipated this initiative to take time for re-educating our residents. The numbers and conversations with our residents are working favorably for Pennsauken. The more time that passes, the more residents we can interact with, and the lower the number moves. Let's keep it going!

The changing of the calendar to October points to Public Work's next season: leaf collection. Leaf collection operations

generally begin in early November and are completed around the end of December. Every section of town will have leaf pickup at least twice during this time. This is in addition to the weekly Wednesday "yard debris" pick up, when South Jersey Sanitation will collect your bagged leaves and other bundled yard items. We ask for your patience while we are working in your neighborhood, as our large equipment could end up blocking parts of the street or intersection.

It is highly encouraged that you bag your leaves whenever possible. However, there are parts of town where the density of large, mature trees creates mountains of leaves. The main reason we encourage residents to bag leaves is to protect the stormwater inlets along our streets from becoming clogged, preventing the flow of water from the street into the system. In addition to this, any cool fall breezes that come through won't blow that leaf pile back onto your lawn or all over the street! The bagged leaves

that are collected by the trash hauler on Wednesdays are taken to Smith Orchards in Mantua for recycling. Each year, the Township compiles a tonnage report based off of the yard debris collected, similar to our white goods and our annual recycling collections; and Pennsauken receives credits towards our recycling grant.

You may not be aware of what happens to those mountains of leaves that Public Works collects. Our department operates and maintains one of the best functioning and best kept leaf composting sites in New Jersey. Each year during inspections, representatives from the Department of Environment Protection at both the county and state levels comment on how great the site looks in comparison to others they visit.

After the compost matures, it is delivered to the Municipal Pool on River Rd., where residents can supplement their gardens at home with this nutritious soil.

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Dr. Gary Knight, DC, PT, CFMP

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“At the Diabetic Boot Camp, we share how we help dozens of Type II Diabetic patients lower their A1C, balance their blood sugar levels, and decrease or eliminate their medications,” says Dr. Gary Knight, DC, PT, CFMP. “This 12-week program is designed to teach, guide, and help individuals understand and implement the process of monitoring and regulating blood sugars, developing life-saving methods to win the battle over Diabetes.”

The Diabetic Boot Camp focuses on uncover underlying causes for a patient’s

diabetic condition. Through natural supplementation, dietary changes, and stress reduction, the patient works to eliminate those causes to bring better health and vitality back into their lives.

“The methods used at the Diabetic Boot Camp are safe, effective, natural, and specifically developed for each individual’s needs,” adds Dr. Knight. “Patients receive important information on how to fight and win the battle over their weight, resist bad food cravings, and reduce their blood sugar levels, learning how to rest, relax, and restore their health to its God-given potential.”

Each Diabetic Boot Camp is limited to 10 participants. To qualify, or for more information, contact Concord Wellness Institute at (856) 910-0495.



## Senate President Steve Sweeney To Speak At October Luncheon

New Jersey State Senate President Steve Sweeney is slated to speak at the upcoming Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce’s networking luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.

A Pennsauken native, State Senator Sweeney serves New Jersey’s 3rd Legislative District. He has been Senate President since 2010.

Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 9, with the meeting starting at noon. Admission is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmaac1team@gmail.com by Monday, Oct. 7.



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## EDITOR'S DESK A Skunk By Any Other Name, Smells Just As Bad

EDITOR'S  
DESK



By Frank Sinatra,  
AAP Editor

As a kid, I was raised on Looney Tunes. Whether it was Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, or Marvin the Martian, it was must see television on a daily basis.

A lot of the humor is slapstick; and it's still hilarious today. Other jokes were more high brow, intended for the adults watching along with their children. Take Pepé Le Pew. I got that the feline pursuit of his affection was panicked and that skunks stink, but only in my adulthood do I grasp the severity of the olfactory assault of Mephitis mephitis. And when it's not on TV, it's not funny at all.

Pepé's real life counterparts in Pennsauken can go pound sand. For two years in a row and almost a year to the day, a striped bandit has sprayed my dog, who continues to be foolish enough to try and send these critters to the great Kasbah in the sky.

Now on many a night, you can step outside to head to your car or take out the trash and you are rudely introduced to "Eau de Le Pew." That's because the odor of their spray can travel for about a mile and a half. And while that's bad, anyone who has endured a skunk spraying can tell you that the up close version is much, much worse. Skunks stink. Really, really bad. It's from their anal glands,

after all. It's like rotten eggs and bad garlic fell in love and had an ugly baby. It'll singe your nose hairs and make your eyes water. You'd think my loveable pooch would have gotten the hint the first time. Nope. I almost think he's getting it wrong on purpose.

So I decided to get to know my white-striped enemy. I went "old school" and borrowed a book from the Pennsauken Free Public Library. Heading to the Youth Services Department, I grabbed "Getting To Know... Nature's Children: Skunks" by Laima Dingwall and the nice folks at Scholastic. Apparently, skunks are "handsome and mild-mannered animals." They're also part of the weasel family; and all weasels share a common trait: the ability to produce a strong smelling musk. Guess what? Skunks are REALLY good at it. They also supposedly give a warning before letting loose. I'm not sure my dog gave them that opportunity.

Skunks are nocturnal. They also have dark fur, with the exception of their "warning" stripe. So it was fun that after a long day, I got to stay outside, in the dark, and deal with the wonderful smell I discovered on my furry kid. You definitely need to keep your dog outside after a skunk incident.

A quick look on the internet explained why my dog keeps finding them in September. They're filling up their bel-

lies so they can survive the winter. And forget the tomato juice; according to the Humane Society there's a better way to get the skunk smell out of fur. Mix together 1 quart of three percent hydrogen peroxide, a ¼ cup of baking soda, and 1 teaspoon dishwashing soap. You need to apply it right after the "skunking." Be sure to avoid the eyes; then rinse thor-

oughly. My wife had me wash our dog several times before she let either of us back in the house.

Now for those interested in getting rid of their own personal Pepé, you should note that the Township's animal control officer doesn't handle wildlife like groundhogs, opossums, raccoons, skunks, and the like. It's better just to try and stay

out of their way. But if you are really determined to get them off your property, you'll have to contract a wildlife control company. With a quick Google search, you can find some local ones.

And as for the skunks' ongoing pilgrimage to the palatial Sinatra estate, scam Le Pew. Go find your "little gumbo of chicken" somewhere else.

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## FRIENDS of the LIBRARY Book And Tech Sale, Raffles, And More At The Library, Courtesy Of The Friends

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

Pack yourself a sandwich or salad, grab a friend, and head on over to the Library's Community Room for the latest installment of our ever-popular "Munch and a Movie" on Tuesday, Oct. 15. From 12:30 – 3:30 p.m., you can forget what you need to do and instead enjoy a movie you probably missed and some great food, snacks, and beverages. We're not allowed to tell you in advance what film you'll be seeing, but the Library can if you call the circulation desk at (856) 665-5959, ext. 3. Or don't call and be surprised. Either way, think of it as a free mini vacation for a few hours.

Hopefully, you've started to gather all your no-longer-wanted books, CDs, and DVDs to donate to the Friends for our upcoming annual book and tech sale,

held Oct. 18-20. Collection will continue up to the sale during regular library hours. Remember though, we can't accept magazines, VHS tapes, encyclopedias, or damaged books; but we're happy to take your other donations at the Community Room and give someone else a chance to enjoy them. If other years are any indicator, we'll have plenty of books and tech items available at incredibly reasonable prices. So give yourself enough time to spend browsing the aisles for the latest mystery by your favorite author; tempting recipes in our cookbook section; our self-help selection filled with how-to books; and lots and lots of children's books. Don't miss out!

And on your way out of the Library, you can't pass our bake sale tables in the lobby without stopping. Our tables will

be filled with home baked brownies, cupcakes, cakes, pies, cookies, you name it! Most likely, you'll want to take home something delectable to chomp on while you read what you just bought at the book sale. The bake sale takes place Friday and Saturday during the book sale; and if you'd like to bake something for us, we'd love to have it! Just bring it with you and drop it off before checking out all the great bargains at our books and tech tables inside.

Here's one more thing to consider while you're at the Library, browsing books and DVDs and trying not to buy all the cakes: our fall raffle tickets will be available in the lobby at \$2 each or three for \$5. Show your Friends membership card and get four tickets for \$5! We've put together at least four fantastic gift baskets, filled with merchandise,

coupons, and gift cards from local stores and restaurants. You might win a voucher for six bottles of wine from Moore Brothers (a \$185 value) or a gift certificate for a two-hour bowling party for up to 10 people at Pinsetters (a \$145 value). Of course, there are lots more surprises tucked away in those baskets, so take a chance or three! Tickets go on sale at the Circulation Desk beginning Oct. 1; the drawing takes place on Nov. 13. You needn't be present to win.

Keep in mind that all proceeds from all of these fundraisers help the Friends support the Library. Win-win, huh?

The Friends will be participating in

two community programs as well in October. If you come to the Library's Hispanic Festival on Oct. 5, look for our table. You'll be able to drop off donations for the book and tech sale while you're at it. We'll also have a table at the Pennsauken Harvest Festival on Oct. 12; and while you're there, you'll have another opportunity to buy your fall raffle tickets and get a jump on winning one of those fabulous prize baskets we'll be drawing for in November!

Our next Friends meeting takes place Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. You'll be glad you came... and so will we!

## Recycling Updates And Leaf Collection Preparation *continued from page 28*

The leaf composting site is located on Park Ave., resting beside the Pennsauken Creek before you cross the Burlington County line. Currently, you will view an open piece of land. Within the next month, you will begin to see the collected leaves being formed into rows, called "windrows." Once our facility is nearing its 10,000 cubic yard capacity, you'll notice the windrows are pointed in a

specific direction. The windrow field is sloped downward to allow water to filter into a grassy area and collect at a basin. This prevents "ponding" or stagnant water, which could breed mosquitoes and an unpleasant odor.

This balance of Wednesday yard debris collection of bagged leaves and the Department of Public Works' curbside collection ensures that we are compliant with

our compost site's permitted capacity, while clearing out 2019's leaves. A few of you may have your own composting methods at home for the reuse of food scraps and yard debris. Although our facility only handles leaves, the process is very much the same, just on a much larger scale.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach us at (856) 663-0178 or [publicworks@twppennsauken.nj.us](mailto:publicworks@twppennsauken.nj.us).



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More than 30 million pounds of candy corn – roughly nine billion pieces – are produced annually.

By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

I think I have always been a person with unusual tastes. I like extra bitter chocolate, certain burnt foods like rice and potatoes, and the thought of Brussel sprouts or lima beans makes my mouth water. I don't think it's a surprise to anyone that knows me that I would enjoy something else a lot of people I know absolutely loathe: candy corn!

Candy corn is produced by the billions each year in anticipation of the Halloween treats season. First produced in the 1880s by the former Goelitz Candy Company (now Jelly Belly), the original white, yellow, orange combo was

## Loved And Loathed: The History of Candy Corn

made from a combination of sugar and corn-syrup, mixed into a slurry and poured into corn kernel-shaped molds by men who would actually run along a production line, pouring the product into the molds. These fellas were called stringers, presumably because of the candy string that hung after they would run back to the beginning to start their next round. Today, this process is nor-

mally done by machinery.

Fun fact: only 10 percent of the candy corn eating population chooses to eat the candy starting at the wider end. A nearly equal amount of people chooses to either eat the whole thing at once (46 percent) or start by nibbling the narrow end (the white part) and eating each section separately (42 percent). I find that I do a bit of both.

No matter how you eat your candy corn, or any other sweet treat during the holiday months, keep it fun and always enjoy your Food Adventures.

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## HEALTHYLIFESTYLES

By Suzette Price, RN, ASN, IKCN,  
Pennsauken Township Board of Health



Like eating healthy foods, exercising, and getting regular check-ups, vaccines play a vital role in keeping you healthy.

A vaccine is a substance that typically contains an agent that resembles a disease-causing microorganism and is often made from weakened or killed forms of the microbe, its toxins, or one of its surface proteins. Vaccines are important because there are very preventable diseases, like measles, chickenpox, and the flu, that haven't gone away. These viruses and bacteria that cause illness and death still exist and can be passed on to those who are not protected by vaccines. For example, information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that because of the effective vaccine for polio, the United States has been polio-free since 1979. However, the poliovirus is still a threat in other countries. If a person with that virus traveled to the United States, they could potentially infect an individual who wasn't

## Not Just For Kids: The Importance Of Vaccination

vaccinated.

The CDC recommends getting vaccinated throughout your life entire life, so you are protected against many infections. If you don't get vaccines, you are more vulnerable to illnesses, such as shingles, pneumococcal disease, influenza, and HPV and hepatitis B, both leading causes of cancer. Like eating healthy foods, exercising, and getting regular check-ups, vaccines play a vital role in keeping you healthy. Vaccines are one of the most convenient and safest preventive care measures available.

Vaccination can mean the difference between life and death. Vaccine-preventable infections are dangerous. Every year, approximately 50,000 adults die from vaccine-preventable diseases in the U.S.

You cannot "catch" the disease from a vaccine. Some vaccines contain the "dead" virus, and it is impossible to get the disease. Others have a live virus, but it's a weakened strain; these viruses are designed to ensure that you won't catch the disease.

All ages, whether sick or healthy, can be at risk of acquiring these diseases. Infants, the elderly, and certain people with other preexisting diseases, are at a higher risk for serious infections and complications in many cases, because their immune systems are weaker than the healthy adult. But vaccine-preventable diseases can strike anyone. If you're young and healthy, getting vaccinated can help you stay that way.

Here are a few vaccines that are often made from weakened or killed forms of the microbe, its toxins, or one of its surface proteins:

- Seasonal influenza (flu) for all adults
- Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) for all adults who have not previously received a Tdap vaccine
- Shingles for healthy adults age 50 years and older

- Pneumococcal for adults age 65 years and older and adults with risk conditions

- Hepatitis B for adults who have diabetes or are at risk  
Always consult your physician or

family doctor on what's best for you.

For more information on vaccines for adults, visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/index.html).

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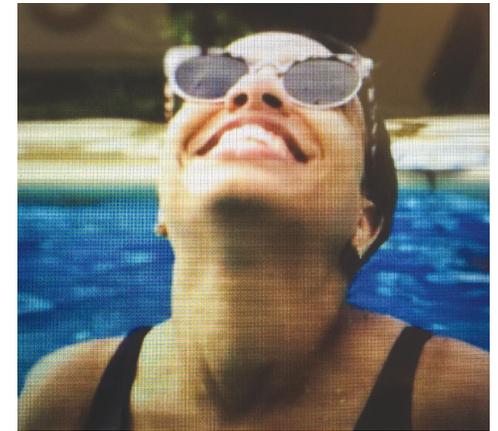
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The system also uses geo-location, coupled with an assessment for vulnerability, such as individuals with perma-

nent disabilities and those 60 years and older. The ATMP can then assist with helping those residents enroll in Register Ready, New Jersey's special needs registry for disaster planning.

The ATMP schedules and sends selected seasonal messages about preparedness and other essential services. When disaster strikes, all of the ReadyNJ

texters are seamlessly alerted of the disaster and will begin to receive critical information regarding safety, evacuation, road closures, sheltering, and more. They remain informed both during and after the disaster and always have the option to speak with a live specialist at 2-1-1.

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*Information provided by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management.*

## Camden County Holds International Day On October 5

The Camden County Board of Freeholders, Camden County Cultural Awareness Commission, and Camden County College present the 2019 International Day, held Saturday, Oct. 5, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Connector Building at Camden County College, Blackwood Campus, 200 College Drive, Gloucester Township, N.J.

Embrace and appreciate the cultural diversity in our community with cultural

performances from dance and musical numbers to spoken word; various multicultural vendors; educational programming for the entire family; a parade of flags; and delicious sampling of ethnic foods. International Day is an exciting way to embrace new cultures and learn more about your neighbor.

*For additional information and questions, contact Stella Sytnik, commission chair, at (856) 287-8614.*

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## Pennsauken Needs Community Help To Track Noise Pollution Coming From Philly

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

It's been a common occurrence on the weekends: that constant non-stop pounding bass you hear through the windows or the loud music in the distance that seems to be coming from everywhere. It starts when the sun goes down and it can go well into the late evening or even into the morning.

According to police, the major culprit is "boom" cars, vehicles equipped with after-market sound systems that are de-

signed to rattle the walls and wake the neighbors. Outdoor parties featuring these super loud cars are ongoing in Philadelphia on a Saturday or Sunday night; and it's their neighbors across the Delaware River that can't get any sleep.

"We've heard the noise, along with our neighbors. It's kept us up too," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "We've received your complaints and we're working with our police department and other communities to deal

with this issue."

Pennsauken Township's municipal government and the Pennsauken Police Department have begun enlisting the help of residents to track down the sources of this nighttime noise pollution. An online form on the Township's website, [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/noise-complaints](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/noise-complaints), allows individuals to provide details on noise incidents, including the date and estimated time. Submissions are shared with the Township's administration, as well as the Pennsauken Police Department.

Residents are also encouraged to contact Pennsauken Police at (856) 488-0080, ext. 0, as these noise incidents occur.

"Sometimes it's better to speak to a human being about these issues, particularly as they're happening" says Lieutenant Gerald Henkel, Pennsauken Police Department. "We want our residents to call in when they hear about these loud parties."

As data is collected and evaluated, the municipality will share their findings with Pennsauken residents and other

riverside communities dealing with the same issue.

"With the help of residents, we can track the incidents, coordinate with our neighboring communities, and present our findings to the police department and elected officials in Philadelphia," adds Mayor McBride. "These boom cars aren't the only things that can make some noise."

### A Breakdown Of Pennsauken's Noise Ordinance

According to the Township code, prohibited noises are those that are "loud, unnecessary or unusual." Disallowed noises "create any unreasonably loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise of such character, intensity, or duration as is detrimental to the life or health of any individual or persons within the limits of the Township of Pennsauken or is patently offensive to persons or ordinary sensibilities."

Some examples of noise code violations are:

- Radios, televisions, and stereos operating between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. that are plainly audible at a distance of 25 feet from the building, structure, or vehicle in which they are located
- The use of loudspeakers, amplifiers, and the like for commercial advertising
- Yelling, shouting, hooting, etc. on public streets between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or at any other time so as to annoy or disturb the quiet of anyone in the vicinity
- The use of drums or any other instru-

ment for the purpose of attracting attention to any performance, show, or sale

- The shouting and crying of peddlers, hawkers, and vendors which disturbs the peace and quiet

In addition, the use of pile drivers, hammers, etc. and the construction and repairing of buildings can only be performed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., unless there is an emergency that affects the public health and safety. However, a permit from Pennsauken's Construction Official is needed in that case.

Also, the creation of excessive noise on any street adjacent to a school, church, or hospital is also prohibited if it interferes with normal operations.

In Pennsauken, fines for loud and prohibited noises can go up to \$1,250; and in extreme cases, include community service or jail time.

The City of Philadelphia also enforces penalties for loud noise and excessive vibration. According to the City's municipal code, fines for initial violations begin at \$100 and can reach up to \$700 or more for several violations within 12 months of each other.

To report noise pollution, visit [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/noise-complaints](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/noise-complaints) and fill out the online form. If you'd prefer to speak with someone directly, please contact the Pennsauken Township Police Department by calling (856) 488-0080 x0.

## THE CLUB CHAMPIONS OF 2019

By Quentin T. Griffith, III  
PGA Golf Professional  
Pennsauken Country Club

With the completion of the 2019 club championship competitions here at the Country Club, I would like to take a moment to recognize each of our flight champions.

The men and women's club championships were contested in June, while the senior and super senior club championships were contested in September. The championships conducted are in the men's "A," "B," "C," and "D" flights; as well as women's, senior (age 60 to 69), and super senior flights (age 70 and older). They are hosted each year by the Pennsauken Country Club Golf Association (PCCGA).

As these club championships bring out the competitive spirit in the many PCCGA members who choose to compete, congratulations to the following 2019 champions and runner-ups in their respective flights:

Men's Club Champion  
Mike Manley  
Cherry Hill, N.J.

Men's "D" Flight Champion  
Bob Alexander  
Pennsauken, Pa.

Men's Club Champion Runner-Up  
Anthony Bianco  
Cherry Hill, N.J.

Men's "D" Flight Runner-Up  
Bill Dulberg  
Mount Laurel, N.J.

Men's "A" Flight Champion  
Jim Childs  
Palmyra, N.J.

Women's Club Champion  
Gwen Dolceamore  
Pennsauken, N.J.

Men's "A" Flight Runner-Up  
Jim Dotzman  
Moorestown, N.J.

Women's Club Champion Runner-Up  
Regina Leporati  
Cherry Hill, N.J.

Men's "B" Flight Champion  
Mike Hogan  
Pennsauken, N.J.

Senior Club Champion  
John Craig  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Men's "B" Flight Runner-Up  
Ivan Eimer  
Cinnaminson, N.J.

Senior Club Champion Runner-Up  
Joe Casey  
Pennsauken, N.J.

Men's "C" Flight Champion  
Billy Wright  
Haddonfield, N.J.

Super Senior Club Champion  
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Philadelphia, Pa.

Men's "C" Flight Runner-Up  
Paul May  
Cinnaminson, N.J.

Super Senior Club Champion  
Runner Up  
Charlie Brown  
Pennsauken, N.J.

Champions and runner-ups will be honored for their achievements at The PCCGA annual awards banquet, scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2020, at the Country Club. Following dinner, presented by the staff at Marco's Restaurant, each flight winner will be presented with their champion's jacket, as well as their personalized plaque; runner-ups will be presented with their personalized plaque.

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## inSports

## Country Club Event Raises Funds For Families Of Service Members

A golf event at the Pennsauken Country Club raised funds to help families of fallen and disabled service members.

The second annual Folds of Honor Match Play Shootout was held in September by the Pennsauken Country Club Golf Association. The event raised funds for the non-profit, Folds of Honor.

"Folds of Honor is a scholarship organization," says Beth Simmons, president of Folds of Honor, Eastern Pennsylvania-New Jersey Chapter. "We raise scholarship dollars for the children and spouses of service members who were either killed or disabled during their service to our country."

"Over 90 percent of money raised by this charity goes to the recipients: children and families of disabled and KIA veterans for scholarships to high school and college," adds Tim Durkin, a volunteer with Folds of Honor and member of Pennsauken Country Club. "This is a voluntary event for our members and we feel very strongly about supporting Folds of Honor."

Sixty-five golfers came out to support military families through match play. It cost \$25 to compete against another golfer in a match. The winner keeps his \$25 and



Last month, members of the Pennsauken Country Club Golf Association held its second annual fundraiser for the non-profit, Folds of Honor.

the other half goes to Folds of Honor.

"We raised \$1,600 minimum, because a lot of golfers are donating their \$25 win backs," says Jim Bisignaro, Country Club member, match captain and Vietnam veteran. "It's a good fundraiser."

Match Captain Bob Alexander, a fellow Club member and Vietnam veteran, mentioned that several veterans golfed in the fundraiser; and that it was important to support the families of those who sacrificed much in the service of their country.

"We were forgotten back then. We made a vow not to forget another vet," says Alexander. "We recognize the sacrifices that these soldiers make, that their families make. That's why we chose to

support Folds of Honor. It's one of the things we do collectively as a group of veterans here."

The Pennsauken Country Club thanks all those that participated, Bob and Jim for their hard work, and all those who donated their time and money to the event.

For more information of the work of Folds of Honor, visit [FoldsofHonor.org](http://FoldsofHonor.org).

## PYAA SPORTS

### PYAA Basketball Registration Held This Month

PYAA Basketball registration will be held Monday through Thursday during the month of October, as well as Nov. 4-8. Registration is held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the PYAA Field House, 3501 Elm Ave., Pennsauken.

For more information, visit [PYAA.net](http://PYAA.net).

### PYAA Wrestling Sign Ups Ongoing

PYAA Wrestling registration continues in October. Wrestling is open to girls and boys ages 4-14. PYAA Wrestling offers a two-week trial for girls interested in joining the wrestling team. Visit [PYAA.net](http://PYAA.net) or [Facebook.com/pyaa](https://www.facebook.com/pyaa) wrestling for more information.

## Richard's River Run 5K Held At Cooper River Park On October 6

The 13th Annual Richard's River Run 5K will be held on Sunday, Oct. 6, at the certified course at Cooper River Park on North Park Drive, Pennsauken.

The Tim Frantz Memorial Award, dedicated at the third annual Richard's River Run in honor of Tim Frantz from

Marlton, who succumbed to Ewing's Sarcoma in September 2008 at the age of 18, is awarded during the post-race ceremony to the top male and female finishers.

Proceeds from the Run will benefit Go4theGoal Foundation, a pediatric cancer foundation based in Cherry Hill; and all funds raised will be used to support kids with cancer and their families in the tri-state area.

For more information, visit [Go4theGoal.org](http://Go4theGoal.org).

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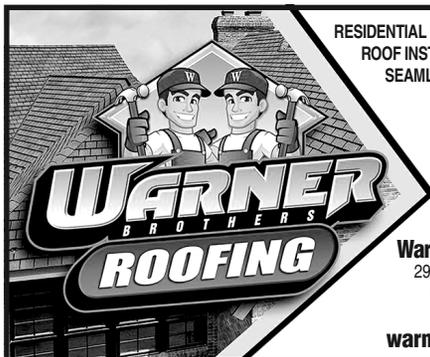


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